

Compatible or Incompatible?

Controversial / misunderstood Terms for Christians:

absolutely, maybe, not necessarily?...

How do you define:

Mother Earth – Sweat lodge – Spirit – Great Spirit – Ghost Dance –
Stomp Dance - Medicine man – Spiritual leader -

SIMILARITIES:

Sacred land for Indians– Standing Rock Black Hills SD, Mt Ranier, Grand Canyon,
Stone mtn, Mt Shasta, Mesa Verde Co, Ghost mtn (bears lodge) Wyoming,

Sacred Land for Christians – “Holy Land” Jerusalem, Nativity in Jerusalem, Calvary,
Jordan River, Mt Sinai, Garden of Eden,

Genealogies for Indians – my people from the _____ tribe, near the _____
region...for many generations

Genealogies for Christians – so and so begat so and so... Book of Numbers

Animal symbolism Indians – eagle feather, raven, wolf, bear, buffalo, otter, beaver

Animal symbolism Christians – mount up with wings of eagles, raven fed Elisha &
sent out from Ark, wolves coming after sheep, bear mauled youth who mocked
Elijah & David slew a bear, sheep of his pasture & sheep know his voice, dove
descended on Jesus, fish swallowed Jonah, disciples fished and used that symbol
(Icthus), Bull was used for sacrifice

Used by whites: Not Godly, scriptural, or honoring

Discover or Invade? – Columbus, Thanksgiving, etc

Colonized – root word colon -“digested”, assimilated,

Manifest Destiny – the 19th-century doctrine or belief that the expansion of the
US throughout the American continents was both justified and inevitable.

American Experiment - That a people of a nation can govern themselves, without need of a ruling or privileged class. (The implication is that white Europeans colonizers could do this but Indians could not, were not capable)

Doctrine of Discovery - specified that the entire world was under the jurisdiction of the Pope, as God's representative on earth. Any land not Christianized, i.e. not under the sovereignty of a Christian ruler, could be possessed on behalf of God. All time and space was considered empty until Christians arrived with God's truth;

Savages –

Uncivilized –

Heathen –

Other misused names –

Some of the traditional or "real" Tribal names are not actually derived from the people themselves, but from their neighbors or even enemies. "Mohawk" is a Narraganset name, meaning "flesh eaters." "Sioux" is a French corruption of an Anishinabe word for "enemy." Similarly, "Apache" is a Spanish corruption of a Zuni word for "enemy," while Navajo is from the Spanish version of a Tewa word. If we want to be fully authentic in every instance, we will have to inquire into the language of each People to find the name they call themselves. It may not be surprising to find that the deepest real names are often a word for "people" or for the homeland or for some differentiating characteristic of the people as seen through their own eyes.